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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Men personnel will be able to tackle this question more efficiently, because they may have to be out at nights and raid houses. So it is better that the Act is worked as it is now worked."

DR. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI :—" We want a better administration of the Act, because many girls have been forced to enter houses of ill-fame for want of guidance and protection in the City."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" If that is brought to the notice of the Government, prompt action will be taken."

SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that there is an organization called the Madras Vigilance Association, which founded and started a Home —just now called the Government Vigilance Home? This organization has been ignored by the Government when it came forward, after the Government have taken over the Home, to offer its services in this line. Repeated requests have met with no help from the Government. Yet this organization is trying to do its best by these girls. Rules and regulations are so tightened that many a girl would go astray if this Association does not come to the rescue. The Association is now suffering from lack of funds. Will the Hon. Minister give an assurance that the Government will take the assistance of this well known organization? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The request will be considered."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Questions are over."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated the 16th December 1953, from the Governor of Madras :—

'In pursuance of Article 207, Clause (3) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1953.'

III.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE SECOND SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR 1953-54.

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is very kind of you to give me the privilege of opening the budget discussion. I am quite sure that this discussion will be of a very high level and will keep to the standards which this House has been accustomed to in the past. It is my hope—but I am not quite sure about it—that the Government also will give due consideration to the suggestions and criticisms made on the floor of this House on the 11-30 a.m.